

## LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY, AUGUST 25.

Second, Twelfth, Eighteenth, East Mill Creek, Sandy, Hunter, and Pleasant Green wards, also Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Sixteenth, Nineteenth, Twentieth and Twenty-fifth quorums of Elders, please see that your statistic al reports for the six months ending June 30th, 1897, are sent in immediately.

The different organizations of the Stake are reminded of theirs.

JAMES D. STIRLING,  
Clerk of Stake.

Sister Ruth Howell Cope, widow of the late Francis Cope, died at her residence in the Twentieth ward this morning after a lingering illness. The deceased was well known and highly respected in the community and her death, though not wholly unexpected, will be a great shock to those who in mortality learned to love her for her excellent traits of character. She was a woman among women and passes away leaving several children to mourn the departure of a loving mother, a true and devoted parent.

Elder J. E. Naylor of this city called on the News this afternoon and reported his return from the Southern States mission field whither he went Feb. 23, 1895, returning on Saturday last. Elder Naylor's lot was cast with the good people of Kentucky, whom he characterizes as a class of people kind hearted, hospital and exceedingly courteous to the Mormon Elders. The work there is progressing nicely and there is considerable inquiry for the Gospel. A nice meeting house has been erected in Junction Branch, Metcalf county, and on the 7th and 8th inst. an interesting conference was held. Elder Naylor had good health in the main and enjoyed his labors thoroughly.

The weather of the week ending Monday, August 23, 1897, was very warm and dry with cool nights but no frost; an abundance of sunshine and no rain has ripened grain very fast and harvesting is well under way, with part of the crop in the northern and western section threshed; in other parts of the state threshing will commence in a few days; the yield is variable but about an average; potatoes are maturing in excellent condition and a large yield is expected. Vegetables of all kinds are plentiful. Second crop of alfalfa is in excellent condition and in parts of the eastern section is mostly in stack. Fruit is generally in good condition but in the western section the yield will be light.

B. S. PETERSON,  
Temporarily in charge,  
Idaho Falls, Ida.

The funeral services over the remains of Sister Sarah Jeremy Williams were held yesterday, Aug. 24, at 4 p. m., in the Sixteenth ward meeting house.

A large and sympathetic audience was present to pay their respects to the departed, who was universally esteemed.

The services were conducted by Bishop Fredrick Kesler. The speakers were Elders John T. Evans, Henry H. Harris, David L. Davis, Bishop Elias Morris, Elder Geo. G. Bywater, Apostles George Teasdale and John Henry Smith, Bishop James C. Watson, Elder James Phippin, and Bishop Fredrick Kesler.

Several of the speakers had been acquainted with Sister Williams from her girlhood days, and others testified of her extreme kindness to the mis-

sionaries. Apostle George Teasdale baptized her late husband and three of her oldest children in 1861, at Florence, Nebraska, on their way from Wales to this country.

Bishop Kesler had been the Bishop of Brother and Sister Williams for nearly thirty-six years. He said their labors had been completely done, and that they were among the best people he ever knew.

All the speakers united in testifying to the sterling qualities of the deceased, and to her faithful and consistent labors throughout life.

The singing was well rendered by the ward choir, assisted by Sister Lizzie Thomas-Edwards, who sang a solo.

A long cortege followed the remains to the grave, where the dedicatory prayer was offered by Elder Peter Reid.

Brigham City, Utah, Aug. 24.

President Lorenzo Snow, being in town last Sunday, a few members of his family quietly went to work and arranged a reunion at the old Snow homestead Sunday evening.

It was a large gathering, and the gray haired patriarch of eighty-three winters was delighted to see so many of his immediate family and those closely related through marriage.

President Snow spoke earnestly to his family, telling how glad he was to meet so many at this unexpected time. Many of his sons and daughters also spoke briefly.

Some two hours were spent together and as a unanimous feeling in favor of reunions became apparent, it was decided to have a gathering once every three months at 2 p. m. Saturday preceding the Stake conferences.

One of these gatherings each year will be a regular reunion of all members of the family throughout the world. This may sometimes be held in Salt Lake, as a large number of the family are now settled there. The immediate family and relatives through marriage and otherwise will number up into the hundreds, no doubt.

At this gathering, it was thought fit to choose officers, and the following were appointed: Lorenzo Snow, president; Lucius A. Snow, vice president; Mansfield L. Snow, secretary; Mrs. L. T. Pierce, assistant secretary. The next gathering will be at the home of Mrs. Pierce, one of President Snow's daughters.

Thus has been started on a comparatively small scale, regular family unions that in the years to come will require a tabernacle to hold.

M. L. S.

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY, AUGUST 27.

Parley P. Pratt, son of the late Apostle of that name, died at the family residence in the Eighteenth ward at 5 o'clock last evening. Death came after an illness of fourteen weeks, caused by cancer of the stomach.

The deceased was born at Kirtland, March 25, 1837 and came to Utah in 1848. His early experience was similar to that of the people who settled this region. Salt Lake City was always his home. He filled two missions, one to Europe and one to the Southern States. He also served as a home missionary on his return. He was a president of the Fourteenth quorum of Seventy. He leaves a wife and ten children. His funeral

Elizabeth Lane Hyde, an old, well known and respected woman died at the residence of Mrs. Cecelia Hyde in the Seventh ward at 7:50 Friday morning.

The deceased was born in Radnor, Radnorshire, England, February 26, 1811, and was therefore in her 87th year. In 1848 she identified herself with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and remained a faithful and consistent member to the end. She left her native land for America in 1856, crossed the ocean in the S. Curling and the Plains in a hand-cart company under Captain Edward Bunker. She arrived in Salt Lake City October 2nd of the same year.

Sister Hyde was always a hard-working industrious woman and a zealous supporter of the Relief Society and other work.

E. B. Rucker, a convert in Lynchburg, Campbell county, Va., writes the News as follows:

"I want to bear my testimony to the truthfulness of the Gospel, if these lines are worthy of space in your paper. For several years I had been searching the scriptures but could not understand them. I carried them to the ministers and asked them to explain certain portions to me. Some, they said, had been done away with, and others were not intended for me to understand. When Elders Webb and Crouch came to my door with the Gospel, it was received with gladness, and when they explained the scriptures to me I could not help but rejoice, for I knew I had found the true Church of Christ. On the 14th of June 1897, I was baptized by Elder George H. Webb. I do feel to thank my heavenly Father for sending His servants to me. My husband was fully convinced long ago but never obeyed the Gospel until Nov. 2, 1896, when he was baptized into the fold of Christ. I do know the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is the only true church on earth. It makes me rejoice when I read the good reports of the Elders in your valuable paper, which is received and read with much happiness.

A few months ago a leading salt company of this city selected in the open market a sample of the now famous Nebo salt and had it analyzed by a prominent chemist. The result was a surprise. It was absolutely free from soda and magnesia, the minerals that spoil salt for dairy purposes. The only foreign matter was a trace of lime—equal to only three-tenths of one per cent—so that the salt is practically 100 per cent pure. Dairymen will use no other brand, and for table consumption its growing use is likely to create a great demand for it.

Nebo salt is made from brine, 35 per cent salt, which flows in a clear stream from the foot of Mt. Nebo. It is evaporated by steam and its superior purity is accounted for partly by the fact that the lime and other minerals held in solution by the brine are precipitated on the hot steam pipes.

It is owing to these circumstances that negotiations for a union of interests between the Intermountain salt companies have been so vigorously pushed by the latter company.

Today a deal was made whereby the Nebo Salt company was absorbed by the Intermountain Salt company, which will hereafter place the Nebo salt upon the market.

FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY, AUGUST 28.

Mrs. Hannah Carter Betts, of No. 33 Tainters Hill, Kenilworth, England, wishes to hear from her two sisters and three brothers, who are now living in Utah. Send to the address noted.

Coyote, Garfield County.—Caroline Robertson, daughter of Henry M. and Caroline Russell, died August 18 at her father's home. She leaves a husband